NATIONAL MINE OPENING

AL-VI-B-052 Route 36, East side, National ca. 1880

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME				
HISTORIC				
	National Mine Opening			
AND/OR COMMON				
2 LOCATIO	N			
STREET & NUMBER				
Ŧ	Route 36, east side			
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTR	ICT
	National X	VICINITY OF	Sixth	
STATE	Maryland		COUNTY Allegany	
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
3 CLASSIFI	CATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRES	ENT USE .
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	XUNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	вотн	_WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	XYES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	Xindustrial	_TRANSPORTATION
		NO	MILITARY	OTHER
A OWNER C	OF PROPERTY Appalachian Coal Comp	any	Telephone #: 89	95-5921
5 /// 121 / 4 ///	Foster's Inn Road			
CITY, TOWN				ip code
	Grantsville X	VICINITY OF	Maryland	21536
5 LOCATIO	N OF LEGAL DESCR	RIPTION	Liber #: 480 48	:2
COURTHOUSE.			Folio #: 577 29	
REGISTRY OF DEED	Allegany County	Courthouse	τοπιο π. <i>στι</i> εσ	0
STREET & NUMBER				
,	30 Washington St	reet		
CITY, TOWN			STATE	
Cumberland,		Marylar	nd	
6 REPRESE	NTATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS		
TITLE				
DATE				
		FEDERAL	STATECOUNTYLOCAL	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS				
CITY, TOWN			STATE	



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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

__EXCELLENT

_DETERIORATED XRUINS

XUNALTERED __ALTERED

X ORIGINAL SITE DATE_

_GOOD __FAIR

__UNEXPOSED

_MOVED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

National Mine Opening is located on in the east side of Route 36 in National, Allegany County.

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Despite its present deteriorated state, the mine retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE	
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	ART	XENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
<u>X</u> 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	XINDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		INVENTION	٠		
SPECIFIC DATES		BUILDER/ARCHITECT			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The National Mine Opening marks the entrance to the Consolidation Coal Company's mine #10. The company itself was established in 1864 and eventually became the largest bituminous coal company in the United States. It owned \$,000 of the 15,000 acres of coal land in the George's Creek area as the C & P Railroad which provided the only direct link the miners had with the eastern shore. The National Mine was what is known as a "slope" or "drift" mine. This meant that the mine was entered from the side of a hill. The miners then dug following the seam outcrop patterns. The natural slope of the coal seams provided drainage as well as a relatively easy exit from the mines for the coal cars.

¹ Katherine A. Harvey, <u>The Best Dressed Miners</u> (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 9

² Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 208

³ ibid p. 209

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
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McClain Printing Company, 1976) CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 283.73 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION		DATE
	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	1/3/77
STREET & NUMB	ER	TELEPHONE
	507 National Highway	777-8991
CITY OR TOWN		STATE
	LaVale,	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

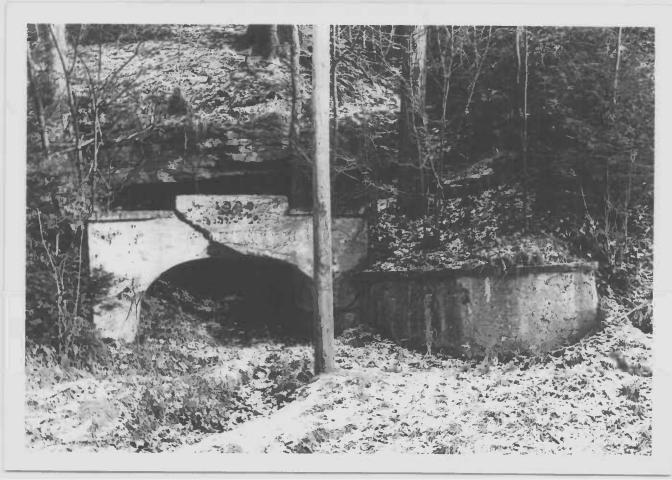
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL- VI- B- 052 480/577	
DATE: 12/29/76 283.	72 /
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor	1) Acres
NAME OF PROPERTY: National Mine Opening # 10	Mm2
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, east side, National	
DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West	·
NAME OF OWNER: Appalachian Coal Company	895-5921
ADDRESS: Foster's Inn Road	
Grantsville, MD 2153%	
STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5()	6()7()()
WINGS, ADDITIONS: A conci	ete arch,
Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)	structed
WALL CONSTRUCTION:	08.
() FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batter () BRICK: Bond type-common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. () STONE: Bond type-rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain. () LOG () Other: Coverings WALL FLATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, CTHERS	
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE WATER TABLE: NCNE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK	Is not les
WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred	d () pediment ()
ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:	Timberes
HARDWARE: original() replaced() FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards	faller de
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils	Frieze,
RCOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMER MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replace	
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()	51.11
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK() STONE() CORBELED() original() rep LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central	olaced () () Interior ()
ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular	slightly
- COMMENTS: Use - MMZ Significance - Industry	passall.
Date Constructed - 1830'S	
Condition - dstariovated	

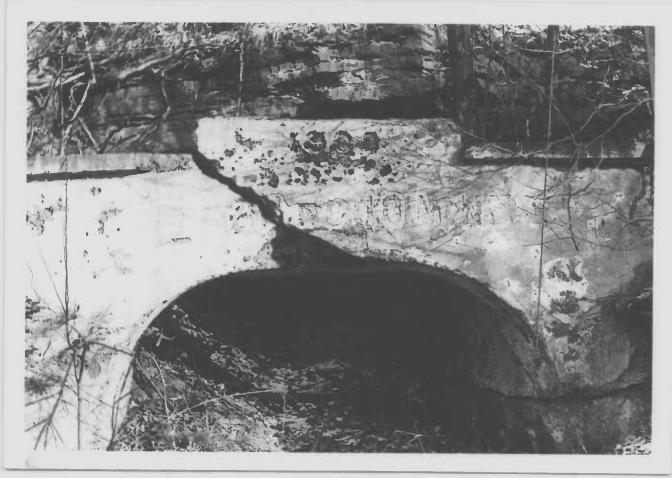
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AL-VI-B-052 National Mine Opening (Ocean #10) Allegany Co., MD David A. Dorsey 2/81 Looking east



AL-VI-B-052 National Mine Opening (Ocean #10) Allegany Co., MD David A. Dorsey 2/81 Detail



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